



Community Sustainability Program

VILA CÉU DO MAPIÁ



“Now, the New World will happen. Which, as I have said, is: new life, new people and new system! Then it will be something very, very different from this old world, right?”

(Padrinho Sebastião Mota de Melo)

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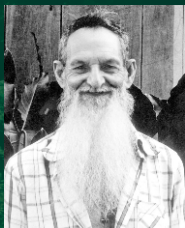
Vila Céu do Mapiá is an **intentional and traditional community** in the Purus National Forest, a protected area in the southwest of the state of Amazonas, Brazil.



Founded in 1983, it is the result of the community work developed since 1974 in the rural area of the city of Rio Branco, in the state of Acre, by a group of rubber tappers and rural workers motivated and **united by the spiritual tradition of Santo Daime** (Ayahuasca), and organized under the leadership and inspiring presence of Sebastião Mota de Melo, **Padrinho Sebastião** (1920-1990).

The community was born with the objective of experiencing human and spiritual development in a new and fair system of community life, in harmony and nourished by the forest, as an experimental alternative of solutions for the current environmental, social, economic and cultural crisis.

With time, this experience attracted people from several other places, enabling a rich social and cultural exchange. Currently, under the leadership of Madrinha Rita Gregório, Padrinho Alfredo Gregório de Melo and Padrinho Valdete Gregório de Melo, Céu do Mapiá, with approximately **600 residents**, presents a good level of social organization, with different groups and local organizations that face the challenge of developing **creative and sustainable solutions** for the Buen Vivir in the largest forest of the planet.



**“New world,
new people,
new era,
new system”**



“... A life that listens to the voice of balance, the voice that dominates nature, dominates Earth and dominates the generation that will fit the system of the third millennium... the forest is here, we have to live on it and plant so we don't lack anything. Undoubtedly, we still need an improvement to achieve the balance of Nature which sustains everything and makes everything sprout.”

(Padrinho Alfredo Gregório de Melo)

The AmaGaia Program

The AmaGaia Program is a set of coordinated actions and projects for buen vivir (“good living”) and sustainability in Vila Céu do Mapiá and other related communities, created and managed in a collaborative way by local residents.

The program works in partnership with a worldwide network, including Instituto Socioambiental de Viçosa (ISAVIÇOSA), Universidade Federal de Viçosa (UFV), Gaia Education and the Global Ecovillage Network, and operates through a continuous social learning process with implementation of regenerative solutions in four dimensions: social, economic, ecological and cultural.

AmaGaia is part of the community organization of Vila Céu do Mapiá, and is the result of a training and integrated participatory planning process started with the Ecovillage Design Education course (EDE/Gaia Education) held in the community in 2013. The EDE was attended by approximately 100 people, including residents and other communities in the region. Nine workgroups were organized, with action plans in different community sectors.

In December 2017, about 50 community residents gathered in a workshop to review and update the results of the 2004 Community Development Plan (PDC), and 2013 AmaGaia course, outlining priority action lines and projects to be implemented in the community. These indications constitute the main guidelines for the AmaGaia Program.



Services

Sustainable Education

Integration with
support networks

Support for project creation,
management and
implementation

Support for participatory and
integrated community planning

Ecovillages are rural or urban communities that seek to be part of a social environment of mutual support with a low environmental impact lifestyle. All the four dimensions of sustainability (social, economic, ecologic and cultural) worked in Ecovillages are seen as interdependent and the attention to each one of them is essential to sustainable community development.

(Source: Global EcovillageNetwork – GEN.)

The Sustainability Mandala

The Sustainability Mandala or Map of Regeneration is a map that guides the organization of actions and projects for community good living, integrated in the four dimensions of sustainability. Each dimension comprises six principles or action lines that need to be

(Source: Global EcovillageNetwork – GEN.)



Ongoing Projects

The AmaGaia Program provides different kinds of support to community projects, according to the stage of each project. Our flow for project design takes into account three steps in each of the four main stages: Dream, Plan, Do and Celebrate.



Source: adapted from the Dragon Dreaming Project Design approach.



Social

Strengthening of local institutions: AMVCM, IDARIS, Cooperar/Participatory Governance

Master Plan

General Kitchen

Youth Mobilization and Training

Restorative Justice

Forest Medicine

Santa Casa/Kawa



Economy

Community Bank and Local Currency

Social Entrepreneurship

Woodworking School

Saberes da Floresta – Knowledge of the Forest

Print shop

Tourism and Visitation





Ecology

Infrastructure and Bioconstruction

Saúde ambiental – Environmental Health:
garbage and ecological sanitation

Food Sovereignty

Power generation

Community Forest Management



Culture

Jardim da Natureza – Natures Garden

Music House

Telecenter New Idea

Lua Branca Center for Culture, Sports and Leisure

Cruzeiro do Céu State School

Madrinha Rita Kindergarten

Therapeutic Practices

University of the Forest



How to collaborate:

- Financial contributions
- Publicizing our fundraising campaigns
- Technical and professional support
- Partnership
- Volunteering



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